AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

At page 8, please replace paragraph 3 starting at line 8 with the following paragraph:

"To read information from the memory cells 101, a voltage or electric field (e.g., 2 volts, 1 volts, 0.5 volts) can be applied via the controller 102 12. Subsequently, an impedance measurement can be performed which, therein determines which operating state one or more of the memory cells are in (e.g., high impedance, very low impedance, low impedance, medium impedance, and the like). As stated supra, the impedance relates to, for example, "on" (e.g., 1) or "off" (e.g., 0) for a dual state device, or to "00", "01", "10", or "11" for a quad state device. It is appreciated that other numbers of states can provide other binary interpretations. To erase information written into the memory cells 101, a negative voltage or a polarity opposite the polarity of the writing signal that exceeds a threshold value can be applied.